

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1540

Introduced by Assembly Member Hagman

January 23, 2014

An act to amend Section 48800 of, and to add Section 48803 to, the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1540, as introduced, Hagman. Concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to allow pupils whom the district has determined would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work to attend community college as special part-time or full-time students, subject to parental permission.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to authorize a pupil, upon the recommendation from a community college dean of a computer science department or other appropriate community college career computer science administrator, and with parental consent, to attend a community college during any session or term and to undertake one or more courses of computer science offered at the community college.

Existing law makes the authority of a school principal to recommend a pupil for community college summer session contingent upon a determination that the pupil meets various criteria and prohibits the principal from recommending more than 5% of the total number of pupils from any particular grade level who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation for summer session attendance, except as specified.

This bill would add specified computer science courses to the list of courses exempted from this 5% limitation.

This bill would also authorize the governing board of a community college district to enter into a formal partnership with a school district or school districts located within its immediate service area to allow secondary school pupils to undertake one or more courses of computer science at a community college if those pupils have exhausted all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent computer science course at the high school of attendance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 48800 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may
4 determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic
5 or vocational work. The intent of this section is to provide
6 educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of
7 eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements
8 of elementary and secondary schools, and also to help ensure a
9 smoother transition from high school to college for pupils by
10 providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate atmosphere.
11 The governing board *of a school district* may authorize those
12 pupils, upon recommendation of the principal of the pupil's school
13 of attendance, and with parental consent, to attend a community
14 college during any session or term as special part-time or full-time
15 students and to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered
16 at the community college level.

17 (b) If the governing board *of a school district* denies a request
18 for a special part-time or full-time enrollment at a community
19 college for any session or term for a pupil who is identified as
20 highly gifted, the governing board *of the school district* shall issue
21 its written recommendation and the reasons for the denial within
22 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be issued
23 at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30
24 days after the request has been submitted.

25 (c) *The governing board of a school district may authorize a*
26 *pupil, upon the recommendation from a community college dean*

1 *of a computer science department or other appropriate community*
2 *college computer science administrator, and with parental consent,*
3 *to attend a community college during any session or term as a*
4 *special part-time or full-time student and to undertake one or more*
5 *courses of computer science offered at the community college.*

6 ~~(e)~~

7 (d) A pupil shall receive *community college* credit for
8 community college courses that he or she completes at the level
9 determined appropriate by the governing boards of the school
10 district and community college district.

11 ~~(d)~~

12 (e) (1) The principal of a school may recommend a pupil for
13 community college summer session only if that pupil meets ~~all~~
14 *both* of the following criteria:

15 (A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be
16 studied.

17 (B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course,
18 if any, at his or her school of attendance.

19 (2) For any particular grade level, a principal shall not
20 recommend for community college summer session attendance
21 more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed
22 that grade immediately ~~prior to~~ *before* the time of recommendation.

23 (3) A high school pupil recommended by his or her principal
24 for enrollment in a course shall not be included in the 5-percent
25 limitation of pupils allowed to be recommended pursuant to
26 paragraph (2) if the course in which the pupil is enrolled meets
27 one of the criterion listed in ~~subparagraphs (A) to (C)~~
28 *subparagraphs (A) to (D)*, inclusive, and the high school principal
29 who recommends the pupil for enrollment provides the Chancellor
30 of the California Community Colleges, upon the request of that
31 office, with the data required for purposes of paragraph (4).

32 (A) The course is a lower division, college-level course for
33 credit that is designated as part of the Intersegmental General
34 Education Transfer Curriculum or applies toward the general
35 education breadth requirements of the California State University.

36 (B) The course is a college-level, occupational course for credit
37 assigned a priority code of "A," "B," or "C," pursuant to the
38 Student Accountability Model, as defined by the Chancellor of the
39 California Community Colleges and reported in the management
40 information system, and the course is part of a sequence of

1 vocational or career technical education courses leading to a degree
2 or certificate in the subject area covered by the sequence.

3 *(C) The course is a college-level computer science course for*
4 *credit as determined by the chancellor of the California Community*
5 *Colleges, and the course is part of a sequence of computer science*
6 *courses leading to a degree in the subject matter covered by the*
7 *sequence.*

8 ~~(C)~~

9 *(D) The course is necessary to assist a pupil who has not passed*
10 *the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), does*
11 *not offer college credit in English language arts or mathematics,*
12 *and the pupil meets both of the following requirements:*

13 *(i) The pupil is in his or her senior year of high school.*

14 *(ii) The pupil has completed all other graduation requirements*
15 *prior to before the end of his or her senior year, or will complete*
16 *all remaining graduation requirements during a community college*
17 *summer session, which he or she is recommended to enroll in,*
18 *following his or her senior year of high school.*

19 *(4) On or before March 1 of each year, the Chancellor of the*
20 *California Community Colleges shall report to the Department of*
21 *Finance the number of pupils recommended pursuant to paragraph*
22 *(3) who enroll in community college summer session courses and*
23 *who receive a passing grade. The information in this report may*
24 *be submitted with the report required by subdivision (c) of Section*
25 *76002.*

26 *(5) The Board of Governors of the California Community*
27 *Colleges shall not include enrollment growth attributable to*
28 *paragraph (3) as part of its annual budget request for the California*
29 *Community Colleges.*

30 *(6) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050)*
31 *of Chapter 1 of Part 20 of Division 2 of Title 2, compliance with*
32 *this subdivision shall not be waived.*

33 ~~(e)~~

34 *(f) Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of subdivision ~~(d)~~ (e) shall*
35 *become inoperative on January 1, 2014 2017.*

36 SEC. 2. Section 48804 is added to the Education Code, to read:

37 48804. (a) (1) The governing board of a community college
38 district may enter into a formal partnership with a school district
39 or school districts located within its immediate service area in
40 order to provide secondary school pupils who have exhausted all

1 opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course at the high school
2 of attendance with the opportunity to benefit from one or more
3 computer science courses offered at a community college. A
4 secondary school pupil in a district subject to a formal partnership,
5 upon notification of the principal of the pupil's school of attendance
6 that the pupil has exhausted all opportunities to enroll in an
7 equivalent course at the high school of attendance, and with
8 parental consent if the pupil is under 18 years of age, may attend
9 a community college during any session or term as a special
10 part-time or full-time student.

11 (2) (A) The partnership agreement shall outline the terms of
12 the partnership and may include, but is not necessarily limited to,
13 the scope, nature, and schedule of courses offered, the academic
14 readiness of pupils that is necessary for them to benefit from the
15 courses offered, and the ability of pupils to benefit from those
16 courses. The partnership agreement may establish protocols for
17 information sharing and joint facilities use.

18 (B) A copy of the partnership agreement shall be filed with the
19 department and with the Office of the Chancellor of the California
20 Community Colleges before the start of a program authorized by
21 this section.

22 (3) A pupil shall receive community college and high school
23 credit for community college courses that he or she completes at
24 the level determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of
25 the school district and the community college district pursuant to
26 the partnership agreement as described in paragraph (2).

27 (b) (1) A community college district shall not receive a state
28 allowance or apportionment for an instructional activity for which
29 a school district has been, or shall be, paid an allowance or
30 apportionment.

31 (2) The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a special
32 part-time or full-time student pursuant to this section is authorized
33 attendance for which the community college shall be credited or
34 reimbursed pursuant to Section 48802 or 76002, provided that no
35 school district has received reimbursement for the same
36 instructional activity. Credit for courses completed shall be at the
37 level determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of the
38 school district and the community college district pursuant to the
39 partnership agreement as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision
40 (a).

- 1 (c) For purposes of this section, a special part-time student may
2 enroll in up to, and including, 11 units per semester, or the
3 equivalent thereof, at the community college he or she attends.
- 4 (d) Community college districts and school districts that enter
5 into a partnership pursuant to this section shall be exempt from
6 concurrent enrollment provisions pursuant to subdivisions (a) and
7 (b) of, and paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (e) of, Section
8 48800, if the governing board of the community college district
9 determines that enrollment of secondary school pupils will not
10 significantly displace regularly admitted students.